

OFFICIAL RESPONSES TO VENDOR QUESTIONS RFP-2023-DCYF-01-COMMU

No.	Question	Answer
	General:	
1.	Does the Department's preference for staff working in-state or out-of-state?	The Department would prefer in state but out of state could be a possibility.
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2.	What are the expected hours and days of operation for the Community Navigator Program?	The Department expects week days, typical business hours (i.e. 8-4:30, 9-5)
3.	General: Who is the current incumbent?	Community Navigator Program has not previously been solicited by the Department, the State currently does not have an incumbent contractor.
4.	Section 1, Purpose and Overview, Subsection 1.1., Introduction Will the Community Navigator Program be regional?	The Department seeks a Statewide or regional vendor, vendor selection will be determined based on service models presented by proposers that results in the most effective services delivery for the State.
5.	Section 1, Purpose and Overview, Subsection 1.4 Background, Subparagraph 1.4.2 Objective: Does DCYF require consent for the referral?	No. The family will need to give consent for the Navigator to outreach community resources.
6.	Section 1, Purpose and Overview, Subsection 1.4 Background, Subparagraph 1.4.2 Objective: What is the timeline for launch Community	This is unknown until which time the resulting contract is approved by the Governor and Executive Council.



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7.	Section 1, Purpose and Overview, Subsection 1.4 Background, Subparagraph 1.4.2 Objective: Has the source of reporting been tracked? For example school systems, and teachers, clinics and therapists?	Yes, we have been able to track the source of reporting. Reporters are considered professional reporters or non-professional reporter and there are categories for their relationship/affiliation to the child/family (i.e. school, law enforcement, medical professional, counselor, neighbor, landlord etc.).
8.	Section 1, Purpose and Overview, Subsection 1.4 Background, Subparagraph 1.4.3., Covered Populations Of the 1100 est. referral cited in these categories, how many fall into more than one category?	The Department is unable to determine this.
9.	Section 1, Purpose and Overview, Subsection 1.4 Background, Subparagraph 1.4.3., Covered Populations Is the Department planning on this program outreaching to all estimated referrals cited in covered population or are you looking to outreach to less than this to begin with?	We are looking for all eligible families to receive outreach from the Community Navigator(s).
10.	Section 1, Purpose and Overview, Subsection 1.4 Background, Subparagraph 1.4.3., Covered Populations Of the 8,000 screen out reports, how	We have estimated about 1,100 families will be eligible for follow up by the Community Navigator.

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	many are anticipated to be required for follow-up by the community navigator program?	
11.	Section 2, Statement of Work, Subsection 2.1., Scope of Services, Subparagraph 2.1.3: How will reports from DCYF be transmitted to the Community Navigator?	Likely by secure email.
12.	Section 2, Statement of Work, Subsection 2.1., Scope of Services: Will there be a single point of contact to the navigator?	This has not been determined.
13.	Section 2., Statement of Work, Subsection 2.1, Scope of Services, Subparagraph, 2.1.1: Will the Department provide a list of resources to refer families to?	This will likely be a collaborative effort between DCYF and agency or agencies who are awarded the contract.
14.	Section 2., Statement of Work, Subsection 2.1, Scope of Services, Subparagraphs 2.1.15, 2.1.16 and 2.1.18: Can monthly meetings, onsite reviews, and annual trainings be completed virtually? Or will they be required to be in- person?	This has not been determined but the Department would be open to the option of virtual or in person. Onsite reviews will likely have an in person component.
15.	Section 2., Statement of Work, Subsection 2.1, Scope of Services, Subparagraphs 2.1.16:	The Department will determine on an as needed basis through the life of the contract.

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	How often might reviews of files be otherwise requested?	
16.	Section 2, Statement of Work, Subsection 2.1.19 Reporting, Subparagraphs 2.1.19.1.1 and 2.1.19.1.5: How is 2.1.19.1.1 different for 2.1.19.1.5?	Section 2.1.19.1.1 refers to the is number of families referred to the Family Resource Center (FRC) . Section 2.1.19.1.5 is number of families who engaged and followed through with the referral to the FRC.
17.	Section 2, Statement of Work, Subsection 2.1.19 Reporting: What other key data and metrics may be required?	The Department is exploring data metrics and will determine at a later date once the contract is in effect
18.	Section 4, Solicitation Response Process, Subsection 4.1.1. Vendor Questions, Subparagraph 4.1.1.2: Is a Letter of Intent required?	Subparagraph 4.1.1.2 is not required and will be removed, please refer to Addendum 1 for further details.
19.	Section 6 Solicitation Response Requirements, Subsection 6.3., Technical Response Content, Subparagraph 6.3.4: Does this word document for technical application have a word limit?	The Technical application word document does not have a word limit restriction.
20.	Section 7., Additional Terms and Requirements, Subsection 7.1., Compliance., Subparagraphs 7.1.1 & 7.1.2: How does the criminal record and background checks in section 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 comport with the lived experience	There are waivers if an applicant has a conviction but there are specific convictions in which a waiver will not be accepted. These are listed in the RFP.

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	requirements and there waivers that can be used?	
21.	Section 7., Additional Terms and Requirements, Subsection 7.2., State Owned Devices, System and Network Usage, Subparagraph 7.2.5: Will the vendor be required to use state owned equipment?	The Department has yet to determine at this time.
22.	Section 7., Additional Terms and Requirements, Subsection 7.3.,	
	End of Life Transition Services, Subparagraph 7.3.2: Is the state thinking to allow a contractor level of access in Bridges to transfer the information to the navigator or by some other secure means?	The Contractor will not be given access to Bridges. A different secure means will be established. Secure email is a possibility.